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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT : JACKOWSKI et al  
INVENTION : **PROTEIN BIOPOLYMER MARKERS  
INDICATIVE OF INSULIN RESISTANCE**  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF November 28, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 28, 2004, extended 3 months to May 28, 2004, for which a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fees are filed herewith, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.